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FOLLOW-UP OF TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

A single case of active tuberculosis at Marquette University has been brought to the attention of the City of Milwaukee and Shorewood Health Departments. Tuberculosis is a treatable respiratory infection that is usually transmitted through close and prolonged contact with an active case. It is not rapidly or easily transmitted from person to person.

In this case, as in all other tuberculosis infections, a small number of close contacts have been identified and will be tested for possible infection. No related infections have been identified at this time. The individual with the active disease is under isolation and is receiving treatment. Other persons who may have had less significant contact with the actively infected person have been notified.

Unless there are further developments requiring public attention the City of Milwaukee Health Department does not plan to issue any further releases on this matter.

Information on tuberculosis infection including symptoms, screening and treatment can be found at www.milwaukee.gov/health or www.dhfs.state.wi.us/dph_bcd/TB/index.htm